GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Mines & Minerals – Sand – Supply of Free Sand in the State duly improving mechanism - Detailed Guidelines for de-casting of sand from patta lands - Orders – Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (MINES-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.59 Dated:01.10.2024

Read the following:

1. G.O. Ms. No. 43, Ind. & Com. (MINES-III) Dept, dated 08.07.2024.
2. G.O. Ms. No. 49, Ind & Com (MINES-III) Dept, dated 02.09.2024.
3. From the C&DM&G, AP., e-file bearing No. INC04-26024/34/2024-SAND SECTION-DMG (Computer No. 2560433), Dt.20.09.2024.

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In the G.O 1st read above, Government, while withdrawing the prevailing sand policies (New Sand Mining Policy 2019 and Upgraded Sand policy 2021) introduced the Interim Mechanism for supply of sand to the consumers without any revenue to the Government till formulation of Sand Mining Policy 2024 with certain objectives as mentioned therein.

2. In G.O 2nd read above, Government have issued "Revised Free Sand Policy Guidelines" to further improve the mechanism in State and making the process technology based, user friendly and transparent and open with strengthened Institutional Mechanism.

3. In the single e-file 3rd read above, the Commissioner and Director of Mines & Geology, AP., has submitted a proposal with detailed guidelines for de-casting of sand from patta lands as per the orders issued vide G.O 2nd read above.

4. Government, after careful examination of the entire issue and in continuation of the orders issued vide G. Os 1st & 2nd read above, hereby issue the following **guidelines** for de-casting of sand from patta lands**;**

A. Introduction

De-casting of sand from Pattalands is necessary to maintain the land's usability for agriculture or ancillary activities. This practice is crucial in regions particularly where sand accumulation from natural processes like river flooding, etc., disrupts land productivity. Excess sand can render agricultural soil infertile, impede infrastructure projects, and create drainage issues. However, proper regulation and monitoring is necessary to balance environmental concerns, such as preventing illegal sand mining, with the needs of landowners to maintain the utility of their properties.

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B. Applicability

These guidelines shall be applicable for de-casting of sand from the landholders of Pattalands or DKT Lands.

C. De-casting in Patta lands falling within Riverbed

1. The Pattadar shall apply to the District Collector along with copy of Pattadar passbook and Title deed book and location of land on village map.
2. The Pattadar shall give its consent for de-casting of sand to the representative of DLSC, authorized on this behalf by District Collector.
3. District Level Sand Committee (DLSC) shall take up joint inspection of the Patta land with the following:
    i. Tahsildar shall identify the Patta land, possessor/occupier and furnish attested sketch including DGPS Co-ordinates, demarcating the area along with NOC. The boundaries will then be fixed on ground.
    ii. Mandal Agriculture Officer shall assess the thickness of the sand to be removed to make the land fit for agriculture or ancillary purposes.
    iii. The Ground Water Dept. shall record the geo coordinates of the Pattaland as per boundaries fixed by the Tahsildar and give feasibility report.
    iv. Executive Engineer, Irrigation Dept., concerned shall issue clearance for de-casting of Patta lands and the location of Patta land with reference to river course/bed along with the ramp points.
    v. District Mines and Geology Officer (DMGO) shall stipulate the period of de-casting and assess the feasible quantity of sand to be de-casted.
4. DLSC shall examine the proposals on de-casting sand from Patta lands and accord its approval.
5. DLSC shall issue permission to the DMGO concerned to obtain necessary approvals such as Approved Mining Plan, Environmental Clearance, Consent for Establishment and Consent for Operations, etc. from the competent authorities in the name of District Collector.
6. Upon receipt of the statutory clearances, DLSC shall enter into an agreement with the Pattadar as per mutually agreed terms and conditions to undertake de-casting of sand from Patta lands and for payment of beneficiary amount of Rs.60 per MT (inclusive of GST) to the Pattadars.
7. The sand so de-casted shall be disposed to end consumers by DLSC as per the procedures.
8. After receipt of joint inspection report as per Annexure-1, DMGO Concerned shall place the proposal for de-casting of sand in the respective Patta land before the DLSC.

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D. De-casting in Patta lands falling outside River-bed:

1. The Pattadar/ Consent holder of Pattadar shall apply to the District Collector along with copy of Pattadar passbook, Consent of Pattadar (if applicable), Title deed book and location of land on village map.
2. District Level Sand Committee (DLSC) shall take up joint inspection of the Patta land with the following:
    i. Tahsildar shall identify the Patta land, possessor/ occupier and furnish attested sketch demarcating the area along with NOC. The boundaries will then be fixed on ground.
    ii. Mandal Agriculture Officer shall assess the thickness of the sand to be removed to make the land fit for agriculture/ other ancillary purposes.
    iii. The Ground Water Dept. shall record the geo coordinates of the Patta land through DGPS as per boundaries fixed by the Tahsildar and give feasibility report.
    iv. Executive Engineer, Irrigation Dept., concerned shall issue clearance for de-casting of Patta lands and the location of Patta land with reference to river course/bed along with the ramp points.
    v. DMGO concerned shall stipulate the period of de-casting, assess the feasible quantity of sand to be de-casted.
    vi. The Joint Inspection Team shall also assess the replenishment of sand in Patta land and existence of reaches / de-siltation points within 5 KMs of the Patta Land and submit a report (in the proforma annexed to this order).
3. After receipt of joint inspection report as per Annexure-1, DMGO Concerned shall place the proposal for de-casting of sand in the Patta land before the DLSC.
4. DLSC shall examine the proposals, categorize the Patta Lands as below and accord its approval for de-casting duly imposing the following conditions:

i. If there is possibility of replenishment or no existence of reaches/de-siltation points within 5 KMs

a. DLSC shall issue permission to the Pattadar (or) consent holder of Pattadar to obtain necessary approvals such as Approved Mining Plan, Environmental Clearance, Consent for Establishment and Consent for Operations, etc. from the competent authorities.
b. DMGO concerned shall issue permission to the Pattadar or the consent holder of Pattadar for de-casting of sand on submission of all approvals.

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c. Pattadar or the consent holder of Pattadar shall undertake de-casting of sand and dispose the sand only as per the procedure issued by DMG/DLSC from time to time. Sand shall be supplied by Pattadars at a maximum price of Rs.250 per MT (inclusive of GST).

ii. All Other Cases except mentioned under clause (i)

a. The Pattadar shall give its consent for de-casting of sand to the representative of DLSC, authorized on this behalf by District Collector.
b. DLSC shall issue permission to the DMGO concerned to obtain necessary approvals such as Approved Mining Plan, Environmental Clearance, Consent for Establishment and Consent for Operations, etc. from competent authorities in the name of District Collector.
c. Upon receipt of the statutory clearances, DLSC shall enter into an agreement with the Pattadar as per mutually agreed terms and conditions to undertake de-casting of sand from Patta lands on payment of beneficiary amount of Rs.60 per MT (inclusive of GST) to the Pattadars.
d. The sand so de-casted shall be disposed to only Government Projects by DLSC as per the procedures.

E. Procedure for Obtaining Permission for De-casting and for Disposal of De-casted Sand.

1. All the applications in this regard shall be filed and disposed through the AP Sand Management Portal developed by DMG.
2. Pattadar/ Consent holder of Pattadar/ DLSC shall upload the details of all the permissions for de-casting of sand in AP Sand Management Portal and obtain a unique Patta Land ID, which shall be used to update daily production details.
3. The sand de-casted shall be disposed through AP Sand Management Portal on payment of the applicable statutory levies (Seigniorage Fee, Contribution to DMF and Contribution to MERIT) as per APMMC Rules, 1967.
4. The guidelines issued by DMG/ Govt. for disposal of sand from time to time shall also be applicable to Patta Lands.

5. The Commissioner & Director, Mines and Geology, Govt. A.P., shall submit proposals for necessary amendments accordingly to Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession (APMMC) Rules, 1966.

6. These orders shall come into force with immediate effect.

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7. The Commissioner & Director, Mines and Geology, A.P., and all the concerned officers mentioned in the address entries shall take necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MINES) (FAC)

To
The Commissioner & Director, Mines & Geology, A.P, Ibrahimpatnam, NTR District.
The VC&MD, APMDC Ltd., APMDC Ltd., Kanuru, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner Special Enforcement Bureau, Mangalagiri.
All the District Collectors in the State of A.P.
All the members of District Level Sand Committees (through C&DM&G)
Copy to:
The Finance Dept., A.P. Secretariat.
The Revenue Dept., A.P. Secretariat
The Water Resources Dept., A.P. Secretariat.
The EFS&T Dept., A.P. Secretariat.
All the Superintendents of Police in the State.
All the District Treasury Officers in the State of A.P.
The Director, Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Vijayawada.
The Accountant General of Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The P.S. to Prl. Secy to CM.
The P.S. to CS.
The OSD to Minister for M&G and Excise
The P.S. to Minister for Finance, Planning & Legislative Affairs
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The P.S. to Minister for Transport and Information & Public Relations
The P.S. to Prl., Secy (Mines)
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SECTION OFFICER

Annexure

FORMAT FOR JOINT INSPECTION REPORT

1	Date of Inspection	
2	Name of the Pattadar/ DKT Land Holder	
3	Sy. No	
4	Village	
5	Mandal	
6	Within Riverbed/ Outside the Riverbed	
7	If Outside Riverbed	
a	*Possibility of Replenishment of Sand (Yes/ No)*	
b	*Availability of Reaches/ De-siltation Points within 5 KMs (Yes/ No)*	

7. Officials present during joint inspection:

S. No	Name of the Inspection Officer & Designation	Department
A		Ground Water Department
B		Irrigation Department
C		Agriculture Department
D		Revenue Department
E		Mines & Geology Department
F		*Any Other Department as required*

8	Identification of the subject area		
9	**By the Revenue Department**		
	a) Location of Proposed area		
	1.	Survey No	
	2.	Village	
	3.	Mandal	
	4.	Category of Land	

	5. Location Sketch	
	b) Geo Co-Ordinates of the proposed area	
	c. Any Patta's given to anybody in the proposed area	
	d. Recommendations	
10	**By the Ground Water Department**	
	a. Geo Co-ordinates of the proposed area	
	b. Parameters for Geo Co-Ordinates i. Datum ii. Units iii. Position Format iv. Direction c. Proposed Depth to be Excavated. d. Observations e. Recommendations	
11	**By the Mines & Geology Department** a. Extent of the area recommended within the Geo Co-ordinates b. Thickness of Extractable Sand c. Estimation of Extractable Sand d. Recommendations	
10	**By the Irrigation Department** a. Location of Ramp Points recommending b. Observations	

	c. Recommendations	
11	**By the RWS Department** a. Details of the Drinking / Irrigated Water Structures b. Distance from the Proposed Sand bearing area c. Recommendations	
12	Any Specific Remarks	
13	Recommendation for De-casting of Sand through Pattadars/ DLSC	
14	Recommendations for any specific end-use for the de-casted sand	

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